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Public Information Open House Scheduled in Redding

REDDING – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and the Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency will hold a public information open house on Thursday, April 28, 2005 to discuss a proposed project on State Route 44 in Shasta County. The open house will be held at Bishop Quinn High School, 21893 Old 44 Drive in Palo Cedro, between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The proposed project will increase capacity of State Route (SR) 44 and improve operations and safety at the Stillwater Road intersection. The preferred project alternative entails construction of additional traffic lanes on SR 44 from Airport Road in east Redding to Deschutes Road in Palo Cedro. The construction of an interchange near Stillwater Road, closure of the existing Stillwater Road and Gilbert Drive intersections at SR 44 and reconstruction of the highway storm water drainage system. The project will require the acquisition of new right of way and encroach upon wetlands and the floodplain of Stillwater and Clough Creeks.

The public is invited to attend the meeting to review project information, discuss the project with Caltrans staff and offer comments on the proposed project. The Draft Environmental Document (Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration) is available for review at the Caltrans District Office at 1657 Riverside Drive in Redding from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday and at the Shasta County Library, 1855 Shasta Street in Redding. The document may also be reviewed online at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist3/departments/envinternet/envdoc.htm>. There will be no formal presentation.

Comments or questions may be registered at the meeting, by telephone or by mail. Written comments should be sent to Caltrans District 2, attention Mr. Phil Baker, Project Manager, P.O. Box 496073, Redding, CA 96049-6073.

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